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Title: Regarding reservation policy in the country.

DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD (BHONGIR): Thank you Madam for giving me the opportunity.

I am going to raise an important issue which is affecting many States in India. The recent agitation of Patidar community in Gujarat, Jats in Haryana and Kapus community in Andhra Pradesh has led to a lot of social and political unrest. The Government of India and also various State Governments are besieged with agitations for reservation for the economically backward classes or poor among the upper castes. Unfortunately, many of the upper caste youths are under the impression that the OBCs are cornering all the posts. The truth is even after 23 years of implementation of reservation, the percentage of OBCs in the Central and various Public Sector Companies has not even crossed nine per cent when the population is more than 50 per cent. It is also a fact that there are also poor people among the so-called upper castes which are creating a lot of unrest among the youth due to lack of opportunities. Various political parties appease the EBCs with reservation during elections and that invariably boomerangs on them later. This is also creating a rift among the SC, ST, OBC and EBC categories. Even when the State and Central Governments implement the reservation for the EBC, invariably the court will strike it down as happened today in the case of Gujarat as it is against the Supreme Court judgement of 50 per cent cap on reservation. This leads to political and social unrest.

I want to assure the EBCs that the OBCs will not have any objection for the EBC reservation if it is a separate quota and not impinging on their quota. I urge the Government of India to consider my suggestions. 1) Take a principal decision for implementation of reservation for the EBCs taking the OBCs into confidence with separate quota. 2) Amend the Constitution to nullify the Supreme Court judgement on the cap of 50 per cent. 3) Have a social economic caste census of all castes and religions; 4) And, implement the reservation for the SC, ST and OBCs in letter and spirit.